

Some businesses complain that there are too many different rules and regulations regarding "Do Not Call" lists. They complain that this makes it 'difficult to do businessss."

As a consumer, I feel no sympathy for such complaints.

I have a telephone so that I may communicate with others, not so that others may steal time and money from me by forcing advertisements on me without my prior expressed consent. Indeed, from my perspective, the laws do not go far enough. I should not have to "opt out" of receiving advertisements in any form. I should receive only those advertisements I choose to receive and ask to receive. Since the law does not currently recognize my right to be left alone, the "Do Not Call" list is a useful substitute.

I do not feel the FCC should take any steps that would weaken the protections that individual states have enacted to protect their citizens from telemarketing. If a telemarketer feels it burdensome to have to familiarize himself with differing rules and regulations, that is simply part of the cost of doing business. A telemarketer may have a right to do business; he has no right to shift the burden of doing business on to consumers.

Thank you.